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This guide, designed for students in grades 3-7, answers intriguing questions about phytoplankton, tiny drifters that have shaped our world. Invisible to the naked eye, phytoplankton are the source of our atmosphere, our climate, our ocean food chain, much of our oil supply, and more. They're also food for zooplankton. Photomicroscopy serves up tantalizing images of this "sea soup" for the book. Many of the photos were taken at Maine's Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Science and the Darling Marine Center using an Axiophot 2 research microscope. (ASK)

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